

Again toleration was the only policy which a statesman could consider. In the towns the Moslems secured terms which left them free in their industry and the practice of their religion; they kept their mosques and cadis; the office of emir survived and the name passed into Latin as *amir* or "admiral"; at Palermo the emir was indeed a Latin official, but in other places it Moslem often retained the title. In the country districts the mass of the Moslem cultivators were subject to feudal services and became little better than manorial serfs elsewhere; but it was no worse fate than they had dealt out formerly to the Christians.

- It is probable that the submission of

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bands which had kept up the struggle
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highlands disappeared; they returned to
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or enlisted in the Count's armed
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saw the military value of the Moslems,
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